

Good evening. My name is Kerry McCollem and I work in the Critical Care Unit at the Good Samaritan Medical Center. More importantly, I live in the community served by the Good Sam and my family and I have been patients of the Good Sam.

I would like to speak tonight in favor of the Cerberus Capitol Management acquisition of Caritas Christi. For the past 3 years I have worked side by side with nurses, physicians, therapists, technicians, administrators and others in the Critical Care Unit. We have always provided compassionate, exceptional care to the patients and families we serve but we have not always done this in an exceptional facility.

We now have the opportunity to continue this exceptional care with the latest and most advanced technologies. The influx of new monies into our hospital from Cerberus will allow us to invest for the future in our people, facilities and technologies. Even before the acquisition is completed, we have begun construction of a world class 32,000 square foot emergency room only a stones throw from where we are standing tonight.

The improved financial stability made possible through the acquisition allows us to continue our mission with a sure footed future. This clear future gives security, confidence and peace of mind to our current employees while also enabling us to continue to attract the best and brightest talent in healthcare.

This financial vitality will extend beyond the walls of the medical center as well. Our new tax status will allow us to spread the tax burden faced by the people in our community. Responsible growth will create new jobs and our capitol projects will stimulate other local businesses. It is a wonderful cycle that I hope will continue for years to come.

On a very personal level, I have comforted many families through difficult times in my unit. I have heard their life stories and the stories of the husband, wife, parent and sometimes even child that they are losing. Some of these people have been coming to the Good Sam in some form, for most of their lives. We deserve world class health care where we live, in this community. My family deserves it and so does your.

Cerberus is the vehicle to that world class care and this is why I completely support this magnificent new future.

Thank you.